

New Linden Hill Road Working Group

Minutes

Monday, October 21, 2002, 9 a.m.

Skyline United Methodist Church

ATTENDEES:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
David Sokola	State Senator
Greg Levine	Senator Sokola's Office
John O'Brien	Drummond Ridge
Dorothy Schukraft	Skyline Drive
Leslie Darden	Deacons Walk
Daniel Bove	Creek Landing
Bud Freel	DelDOT
Kelly Pitts	DelDOT
Charlie Leary	DelDOT

Project Update:

A-Del is currently on schedule to have the whole road paved by the middle of December. A-Del will begin removing the concrete barriers and switching traffic to Phase III in the next 3 weeks. The actual traffic switch should happen in the early part of November.

During Phase III, the contractor will shift traffic to the south side of New Linden Hill Road while they place curb and sidewalk on the North side. The contractor will also complete the Skyline Road intersection.

Also during this phase, A-Del will pave the intersections on the north side, place the concrete medians in New Linden Hill Road and finish the bike trail. After phase 3 is completed, A-Del will place the final lift of pavement on the entire road. At this point, the road will be in its final grade and the final striping will be placed.

Questions and Discussion:

- Since the last meeting, motorists have been having trouble noticing the new light at Upper Pike Creek Road. DelDOT will install "new light ahead" signs on Upper Pike Creek Road and New Linden Hill Road to try and correct the problem. Delaware State Police Troop 6 has also been contacted for enforcement in the area. They will be enforcing during the week of November 4.
- The matter of safety in the area was brought up, where the question was posed whether there were any areas with more accidents? There are no particular areas where there are more accidents than others, however Charlie will research this question.
- There was a question about what the final configuration will be on New Linden Hill Road. The portion the motorists are driving on today is the new median and bike path. When the east side of the street is completed, traffic will be switched to its final configuration.
- The group was then asked about their preference at the intersection leading onto Henderson Drive where there is currently some shrubbery. The options were to topsoil the area or hotmix it. It was decided to refer this decision to the beautification committee.

- The pavement at Chadd Road, across from Zingo's is uneven, and the question was asked when it would be smoothed out. This intersection will be evened out during the next round of paving, which should occur, weather permitting, within the next three weeks.
- The wording of the safety concern at Videre Drive from last month's minutes was questioned. To clarify, the point is, there's an interest in having a clearly defined single lane coming out of the development at Videre Dr. While that is one opinion under consideration, there are also residents on Videre Drive who have expressed the desire to have a right turning lane coming out of the development. The point that the Department would like to express is the intersection will be paved and temporarily striped for the community to review. Prior to making the final alignment, the Department will discuss with the community its desire, and bottom line is that the final alignment will be made based on the consensus of the community.
- A request was made to move the stockpile at New Linden Hill Rd./Skyline Dr. The stockpile will be moved the week of Oct. 28.

Action items:

- Chris will coordinate with the contractor to move the stockpile from Skyline Drive/New Linden Hill Road.
- Kelly will request enforcement at the Upper Pike Creek Rd./New Linden Hill Rd. intersection.
- Toward the end of the project, DelDOT's Traffic Section will be consulted about the final configuration and striping at Videre Dr. After placing temporary striping, the Department will seek consensus from the community, and the community's consensus will determine the final striping.

For questions or comments you may contact:

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***NEXT MEETING, Monday, November 18, 2002
9 a.m. at Skyline United Methodist Church***